

House Resolution No. 484

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to note a milestone event in the life and career of an exceptional Show-Me State resident, Donald Sullivan; and

Whereas, in April 2003, Donald Sullivan will bring to a close forty years of diligent service at Conception Abbey where he began work as a seventh grader and went on to distinguish himself as an important part of a long, proud family tradition that included the endeavors of his farm boss father, abbey carpenter brother, printer brother, summer employee sister, dairyman brother, and a now-deceased brother who worked in the garage during high school; and

Whereas, Donald Sullivan has engaged in a variety of work at Printery House, including running the old 10-15 windmill press, mounting die and counter-die for gold leafing, creating a "make ready" before a printing run, performing all of the diverse duties and responsibilities of a "printer's devil", and serving as the purchasing director in charge of monitoring inventory and accounts payable; and

Whereas, today's Printery House with its thirty-five employees stands in stark contrast to the Printery House of yore when Donald Sullivan was one of three non-monastic workers who were assisted by novices from the monastery when the Abbey printed its Altar and Home liturgical magazine; and

Whereas, paper shipments now arrive by truck, but Donald Sullivan vividly remembers earlier times when there was no air conditioning, supplies were stored on skids to prevent damage from occasional floods that swamped the Printery House floor, and the farm truck was driven to the Conception Junction Rail Depot to bring back paper unloaded from the Wabash train; and

Whereas, Donald Sullivan's tenure at Conception Abbey was interrupted by a four-year stint with the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965, after which time he returned to his civilian duties to find a brand-new Heidelberg Gold Leaf Press which would occupy his labors for thirty-two year's worth of greeting card production:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the four-decade-long career of Donald Sullivan with Conception Abbey Printery House and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement, especially working on his 12-handicap golf skills at nearby Mozingo Golf Course; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the well-deserved retirement of Donald Sullivan.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 484, adopted February 25, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker